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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. LEOPOLDO TORRES BOURSALT WAS MOST RECENTLY FISCAL
GENERAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL) OF SPAIN, A POSITION HE LEFT
IN 1992 FOLLOWING DISAGREEMENT WITH THE GOS ON THE
INDEPENDENCE OF PROSECUTORS. HE IS NOW IN PRIVATE
PRACTICE AS A CRIMINAL LAWYER -- AMONG HIS CLIENTS IS

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FORMER UNION LEADER NICOLAS REDONDO TORRES. THIS BRINGS TORRES FULL CIRCLE; HE BEGAN HIS LEGAL CAREER DEFENDING UNION AND OPPOSITION LEADERS UNDER THE FRANCO REGIME.

3. BORN IN SORIA, JANUARY 12, 1941. LAW DEGREE FROM THE COMPLUTENSE UNIVERSITY IN MADRID, WITH FURTHER LEGAL STUDIES IN HELSINKI AND STRASBOURG. ELECTED DEPUTY FROM GUADALAJARA IN 1979, SERVING AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS. RAN FOR SENATE IN 1988, WITH THE PSOE'S INTENTION TO MAKE HIM PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, BUT LOST AND WAS NAMED FISCAL GENERAL AS CONSOLATION. HAS BEEN AD HOC JUDGE OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. CLOSELY TIED TO THE THE PSOE. FORMER MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. OUR CONTACTS INDICATE THAT HE PROBABLY SPEAKS LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH, BUT EXCELLENT FRENCH. VERY HIGHLY SPOKEN OF BY ALL WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN AS AN HONEST, PRINCIPLED MAN, ALTHOUGH IDEOLOGICALLY SOMEWHAT TO THE LEFT. MARRIED, FOUR CHILDREN.

4. WE HAVE HAD NO RECENT CONTACT WITH TORRES. HE HEADED UP A GROUP OF SPANISH LEGISLATORS WHO VISITED THE U.S. IN 1984 TO EXAMINE JUSTICE ISSUES.

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5. SINCE WE HAD SPOKEN JULY 18 WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT THE RWANDA WAR CRIMES COMMISSION (REF B) AND TORRES' NAME HAD NOT COME UP, WE CHECKED BACK JULY 19 WITH THE MFA. TORRES' NAME WAS INCLUDED IN A LIST OF NAMES PUT FORWARD BY SPAIN AS POSSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION; WHILE SPAIN AGREES THAT A TRIBUNAL IS DESIRABLE, OUR CONTACT WAS AT PAINS TO CLARIFY THAT A TRIBUNAL HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THAT SPAIN AS-YET HAS NO OFFICIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF PROSECUTOR.

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